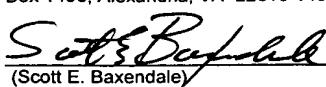


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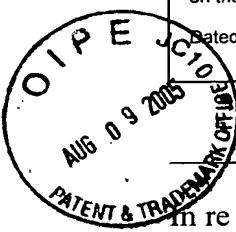
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**AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO APRIL 5, 2005 OFFICE ACTION**

MS Amendment  
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Dear Sir:

This amendment is being submitted in response to the Office action dated April 5, 2005. Applicants hereby request a one-month extension of time to respond to the Office action. This response is therefore timely filed within the extended period of response. This amendment is accompanied by a Petition for a One-Month Extension of Time and a check in the amount of \$120.00 for the requisite petition fee. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of the claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 10 of this paper.